

IN CONFERENCE

Sub - District Miners' Meetings to be Held.

HOCKING TO BE FIRST

And Massillon and Coshocton Districts Will Confer on Scale the Week of March 2.

Bridgeport, Feb. 17.—National Vice President T. L. Lewis, of the United Mine Workers of America, returned yesterday from an important meeting of the Ohio state executive committee of the organization, at Columbus.

The meeting of the committee was held to arrange for the sub-district joint conferences. The Hocking district being the basing point for the state will hold its conference first, and February 25 is the date set for it to start. The Guernsey district conference will be held the same week, Coshocton and Massillon districts the following week and the others as soon after as they can be arranged.

The vice president said the hardest fight in Ohio this year would be right in the Ohio river field, against the DeArmitis, in Belmont county. He said:

THE BELMONT FIGHT.

"Arrangements were made to carry on the fight against the DeArmitis till such a time as the company agrees to pay scale rates. The organization is determined that he will never be permitted to operate his mines at less rate than the other operators are paying. It is not a local or state fight by any means, as the national organization is to take a hand. It is the sentiment of Ohio miners to contribute anything up to half their earnings to defeat the purpose of the DeArmitis, and they may as well realize first as last that the U. M. W. of A. is in the fight to a finish. There is no question that the Empire company will realize sooner or later from a business standpoint at least that we mean what we say. Our policy is well defined and there can be but one result—they must pay scale prices."

Speaking of the changes effected at the Indianapolis convention, Mr. Lewis said:

"The most important change in the constitution is that which requires a vote of two-thirds of the members of the national board (now composed of one man from each district, or 23 in all) before a general strike can be declared, and even then all the district officers must be called in for consultation."

ELECTION BY DIRECT VOTE.

"Another important change in the constitution is that which makes it necessary for the national officers to be elected by a direct vote of the different local unions. The vote of each local will be recorded and the totals footed up. This will do away with the present system of electing by delegates and it is believed it will be more satisfactory."

DEATH OF PRIVATE PHINAS FOUTZ

"I Am Ready, Gentlemen," He Said, as They Adjusted the Noose.

Columbus, Feb. 15.—A letter has been received here detailing the incidents of the hanging of Phinas Foutz, of Zanesville, Ohio, by the military authorities in the Philippines.

He was condemned to death for stabbing a Filipino girl. The letter reads: Poor Phin was executed at 6:30 this morning (January 2). I was an eye witness of the affair. The scaffold was erected yesterday and Lieutenant Hunt, provost marshal of Cebu, was detailed to superintend the awful affair.

Foutz was marched to the scaffold shortly before 6:30, and proceeded in his usual quiet manner. He made a talk that last fully three minutes in favor of Private Cupples, who was tried by the same court that tried Foutz. He was tried for desertion and sentenced to be shot and President McKinley reduced the sentence to seven years' imprisonment.

"I could not hear all that poor Phin had to say, but he ended by saying, 'I am ready, gentlemen.' Phin made a will giving everything to his sister, except \$25, which goes to an attorney."

Winter coughs are apt to result in consumption if neglected. They can be soon broken up by using Foley's Honey and Tar. Sold by Roth and Hug.

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FRENCHMEN DEVoured BY THE CANNIBALS

Awful Experience of a French Scientific Expedition Off the Coast of New Guinea—Story Told by the Survivors.

Paris, Feb. 17.—La Patrie published Sunday a letter from its correspondent, M. Rouyer, a survivor of the massacre of a French scientific mission by cannibals at Sileraka, New Guinea, January 1.

M. Rouyer relates that the yacht Salvati, had anchored off the coast and that several of the explorers landed. After an apparently friendly reception the natives attacked them during the night, murdering twenty-five and wounding thirty-three, including the writer of the letter.

M. Rouyer writes: "We were all sleeping peacefully when there was a great uproar and we were attacked by hundreds of natives carrying torches. Several of us were felled to the ground with clubs, hatchets and spears. Others were overpowered, carried away, and bound to trees. I received a blow on the head from a club and fainted."

"When I recovered consciousness at 5 o'clock in the morning, I found myself tied hand and foot and surrounded by savages who, believing me to be dead, were keeping me for themselves. I saw the body of Baron Villars near me bound to a tree. His body was naked, his head had been split open, his eyes had been gouged out, and his groin was horribly mutilated. The Count De Saint Remy had been decapitated and his head stuck on the end of a spear as a trophy. M. Hagenbock was being roasted over a fire. The savages were about to cut him up."

Around me the ground was strewn with corpses. Suddenly a great clamor arose, followed by a fusillade. Dr. Forster and the remainder of the mission were firing on the cannibals. The rescuers ran to me and cut the bonds. The cannibals fled, leaving thirty-two dead. The clothes of M. Vries were found, but his body was missing. He had evidently been devoured during the night."

SLEUTHS DIED MINES ACTIVE

Mysteriously When on Foster Gang's Trail.

PRUSSIC ACID USED NEW SHAFT BUILDING

Beautiful Woman Implicated in the Case, Which Has Many Dime Novel Features.

Findlay, O., Feb. 15.—In substantiation of the theory that the unexpected death of Detective John Welker at Greenville, O., last week was due to the work of some member of the Foster gang whom he had sent to state's prison for life, the mysterious deaths of two other officers that shadowed the gang is offered. They were deaths suspiciously similar to that of Welker and the similarity has excited the most general comment in this city.

In 1899 a gang of thieves entered the home of George Oman, south of this city, tied the family hand and foot and subjected them to the most atrocious indignities in an endeavor to make them reveal the hiding place of \$5,000 that was supposed to be in the house. Frank Strickler, a local detective, took hold of the case. He caught two or three valuable clues and to some of his bosom friends he said that the crime and a number of others would be fastened upon local crooks.

He made but little secret of the success he thought was his. Then, while in the best of health, he suddenly died. Post mortem examination showed that something had eaten out his stomach. Prussic acid, the physicians said, it was.

No sooner than death claimed Strickler than another ambitious man appeared on the scene. Samuel Lowe, of Cleveland, took up the scent and soon arrived at the place Strickler left it. He went further and had affidavits in his possession that he showed the local police absolutely clinching the crime on local crooks now known as members of the Foster gang.

Like all gangs of desperate men, this Foster aggregation had a woman or two in its outer circle of membership. One day a beautiful woman came to this city from Toledo and stopped at the Hotel Marvin, where Lowe was stopping. An acquaintance sprung up between them. She and Lowe took frequent drives and she became his confidential friend. Lowe confided to a friend that he was to marry the handsome brunette known as Mrs. Hay.

One morning Lowe was found dead in bed at his room in the hotel. His vitals had been eaten, the doctors said, by prussic acid. His fiancée came that morning and was alone with the dead she claimed as her own. Then she left and has never since been seen. When relatives arrived to claim the body the papers, the local police said, were with him, were not to be found. This death was within six weeks of the death of Strickler.

PRETORIA.—One hundred and fifty mounted infantry men, patrolling the Klip river, south of Johannesburg, February 12, were trapped by Boers and had two officers and ten men killed and several officers and forty men wounded before the force was able to fall back under cover of a blockhouse.

WASHINGTON.—The eleventh continental congress of the Daughters of the American Revolution opened here this morning and will continue throughout the week. The attendance promises to be very large, there being over 800 accredited delegates.

CHARLOTTE, N. C.—North Carolina had another 8-inch snowfall yesterday. The weather bureau says the snow of Friday was sixteen inches, the deepest on record here. Railroad schedules are badly out of order.

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Sherodsville Is Enjoying Great Prosperity.

PRUSSIC ACID USED NEW SHAFT BUILDING

That Will Give Employment to a Lot of Men—Last Pay-day Was a Record Breaker.

(Staff Special.)

Sherodsville, Feb. 15.—Never in the history of this village has there been such activity in the mines as at present. The month of January was a record breaker, the total output being 1,175 cars, which is an average of 45 cars a day. The freight alone on this amount was over \$18,000. The miners have been working full time for several months past, and with the wage scale settled there is no doubt that they will be kept busy, as the mines cannot keep up with their orders.

The last pay day was the largest ever known, amounting to \$30,431 which was an average of \$11 for each man, woman and child in the village. Arrangements are about complete for the opening of the new shaft mine on the Stephenson farm, just one mile from town. This will develop a new and valuable coal territory and give employment to a large number of men. It means a boom for Sherodsville. It will be necessary to sink the shaft 75 feet deep and the surveys have already been completed. The shaft will be equipped with electrical power and will have the latest equipment for hoisting and handling the coal. The railway company is arranging to build the switch, which will be about 2,000 feet long. The work will be pushed as rapidly as possible, as the projectors are anxious to get into the market with their product.

The operators at No. 6 mine are leasing large tracts of land that is underlaid with coal, and one of the conditions in every lease is that they will rest the territory and develop it in a short time. As the leases all carry forfeiture clauses and a royalty will have to be paid if development is not made within the specified time, it is thought that this means another new mine opening.

BETTER ROADBED FOR THE FT. WAYNE

Pennsylvania Is Planning Extensive Improvements West of the Summit Cut.

Pittsburg, Feb. 15.—While the Pennsylvania railroad east of Pittsburg is being reconstructed at an enormous expense, plans are being prepared for the reconstruction of the lines west of Pittsburg on a similar scale. The greatest work on the Ft. Wayne and the Panhandle will be within the limits of the Pittsburg district. West of the Summit cut, where the great main line of the Pittsburg, Ft. Wayne & Chicago crosses the watershed and descends toward the central Ohio valley, there are a number of bad curves. These are to be modified or eliminated so as to have a high speed track between Summit cut and Alliance.

On the Panhandle they will cut out three bad curves. These are near the Pennsylvania and West Virginia state line. A tunnel and a deep cut will be necessary to give a straight line from Hanlin down to Collier yards. Over this straight stretch of track trains can be run at an unlimited speed with no danger.

Proceeding the centennial year, the Ft. Wayne was improved between Summit cut and Salem by the elimination of curves. They could not improve the grades then and many of the curves between Summit cut and Beaver Falls were allowed to remain.

TOLSTOI STILL LIVING.

St. Petersburg, Feb. 17.—Count Tolstoy's temperature is at 100, while his pulse is 84. He is very weak but is hearing up well. It is hoped that he may recover.

QUEER CURIOS FOUND IN CANTON

Rare Collections to be Seen in Prosecutor Day's and Engineer Weber's Offices.

A GRUESOME ARRAY FUNNY SEWER FINDS

Of Blood - Stained Weapons Confronts Visitor in Mr. Day's Innermost Chamber—Some Thrilling Traditions.

Prosecuting Attorney Robert H. Day has a gruesome collection of relics at his office in the court house. They are the accumulation of years of criminal investigation and prosecution, and are kept for the reason that many of them relate to crimes, the perpetrators of which have never been brought to justice and for the reason that the law does not provide for disposing of such articles except when confiscated under certain conditions.

The collection consists of hundreds of articles that have been used in criminal cases. Almost every one of them has a tragic history connected with it, but the present official is not conversant with the details leading to the acquiring of all of them, as some came into the office many years ago.

ROPE AND GALLOWES.

There is a long, coffin-like box containing the rope and trap that were used in the hanging of George McMillan, who was hanged for the murder of his wife 18 or 20 years ago. The iron work of the scaffolding is all in the box. The rope is an inch and a quarter in thickness and is soft and pliable. One end of it is frayed for ten or twelve inches, the loose ends having been used in making the splicing for the loop.

The story is that some years after McMillan was executed, a member of the family confessed that the man was innocent and admitted doing the deed, but as one life had been offered in expiation of the crime, the story was never investigated. McMillan was the last man hung in Stark county, his hanging occurring a year or two after the famous tripple hanging.

There is the deadly weapon that the notorious William Henderson is said to have used when he murdered old man Hartong. It was found in the home the morning after the murder covered with the life blood and hair of the victim. The hair no longer adheres to the wedge but the blood spots are still apparent, rust having intermingled with carmine hue. The wedge is being held by the city as evidence in case any of the others connected with the crime are arrested. The prosecutor uses it on his desk as a paper weight at times, and it is an object of curiosity to all who are familiar with the crime.

SECTION OF SKULL.

There is a top section of a man's skull among the relics, about which no information is to be obtained. On the one side there is a deep indentation showing that a violent blow on the head was the cause of death. To one side of the dent is a circular hole about the size of a silver quarter, which was cut by the doctors in an effort to insert instruments to raise the skull from the brain and save the man's life.

There is the waist and corset of Mrs. Lucy Haas, the woman at whom John Popp shot, and for which he was sent to the penitentiary for two years by Judge Harter a few days ago. With the wearing apparel is the revolver and bullet that was deflected by the corset steel, thereby saving the woman's life.

The shirt that some visitor wore to Canton during McKinley's funeral is also in the collection. Pinky Jackson, a noted pickpocket, took a fancy to the diamond stud the gentleman wore, and made a grab for it, tearing the bosom of the shirt, but failing to land the sparkler. He was arrested and sent to the work.

To show the zeal of Mr. Day in the prosecution of liquor dealers are dozens of bottles of whiskey and beer, with the inscriptions upon them stating where and when they were purchased and by whom. Most of them were bought on Sundays and were used where convictions were secured. What is to be done eventually with the articles has not been determined. There is enough of it on hand to start a small-sized saloon.

CHEAP JEWELRY.

There is a bundle after bundle of blood-stained clothing, mite witnesses in securing the conviction of criminals from time to time. There are revolvers, knives, bludgeons and other weapons, and tied up in a large silk handkerchief is about a half peck of cheap watches, rings, jewelry, pocket-books, etc., that were taken from the pockets of Charles White, who some months ago was run in from one of the out-lying townships for entering a house. He is doing time.

The prosecutor has a large album, or rogues' gallery. In it are the pictures of nearly every man sent from Stark county to the penitentiary in recent years. There is a group of the 18 pickpockets arrested by the detectives during the McKinley funeral, the most of whom were run in before they had time to mingle with the throng or gather up a single pocket-book. There are the pictures not only of the noted crooks, but of many of the most notorious criminals of the state or country. They are mostly in their prison garb, and in some instances they are shown in both full face and profile.

The collection is as interesting as the ordinary dime museum and the prosecutor takes pleasure in showing it to visitors who find their way to his den in the sky-floor of the temple of justice.

City Engineer Weber has a strange list of miscellaneous rubbish which has been taken from time to time from the sewers of this city. The presence of such a lot of stuff in the city's drainage systems shows the queer ideas some people who enjoy sewer connections have in the manner of using them.

Constant complaints reach the city engineer's office from residents that sewers are stopped up and the blame is invariably placed by the complainants upon the city. Upon examination family sewer construction is seldom shown, but in almost every case the sewer has been obstructed by the abuse of the people who throw a lot of rubbish into the drain pipes. CITY WON'T TAKE BLAME.

Upon receiving a complaint Engineer Weber immediately sends a sewer inspector to the scene and the resident is informed that if the obstruction is the fault of the city, the city will pay for having it cleaned out, but if it proves to be the result of the property owner's negligence the bill must be paid by him. The city has never suffered through this arrangement.

Many people think that the sewer is the natural repository for every bit of useless stuff about the house, and as a result rags, old clothes and other articles are thrown or forced into the sewer. Naturally in a four inch pipe small bundles of rubbish will cause an obstruction. In some localities the people never realize the true use of the sewer, even after their drainage has been interrupted several times by their own abuse.

GOT OUT OF PATIENCE.

Engineer Weber cites one instance where the offense was committed repeatedly until the office simply refused to consider the complaints brought in by these people. Their sewer connection is tied up at the present time by a serious obstruction, but as they have repeatedly offended, they will be compelled to seek relief from other sources than the city engineer's office.

Some queer bits of rubbish have been found in the sewers by the inspectors. On Mulberry street a lot of old shirts, heavy wrapping paper, a corset and other rubbish was removed only last week. In the pipe leading from a stable a large piece of burlap or coffee sacking was found wedged. About this had collected a lot of other rubbish.

People have been known to force old pieces of cloth and parts of wearing apparel through traps into the sewer. Naturally such stuff gathered in the first elbow in the pipe and built up an obstruction that caused great inconvenience.

FOUND A PUTTY BALL.

A large hardware firm in the city complained at one time that the sewer leading into the warerooms was stopped up. When the sewer inspector examined the sewer he found an immense ball of putty, which had gathered from the bits that had been carelessly thrown into the sewer.

One of the queerest bundles of rubbish and filth that was ever encountered by the local force was found in the lateral sewer connection at South Court and West Seventh streets. One of the men lifted out a ball of filth, which, when it was brought to the surface disclosed thousands upon thousands of little pins.

A representative of the most ragged class of vagrants became interested in the find and kicked it apart as it lay upon the street. As the thing fell apart a half dollar, a quarter and a ten cent piece rolled out and the "vag" managed to pick a couple of good meals and a few drinks out of the sewer in this way.

PHIL'S EXPLANATION.

Explained by Engineer Weber, the money found its way into the sewer from the various gambling joints along Court street—this was before the Hartman raid—and the pins came from a milliner's shop which was located at one time in that locality.

Many other strange things have been found in the sewer and Engineer Weber has a most curious list of the stuff his men have picked up.

Mr. Weber says notwithstanding the examples he has quoted, that the sewer system is working in excellent shape. One experience has served to teach many people a lesson and they are ceasing to use the sewers for purposes other than those for which they were intended. He thinks though, that there is still some room for improvement.

Foley's Honey and Tar cures the cough caused by attack of influenza. It heals the lungs. Sold by Roth and Hug.

MADRID.—Gen. Weyler, the minister of war, will submit to the cortes a proposal to reduce the Spanish army by four army corps.

TRIESTE, AUSTRIA.—As a result of the strikes martial law has been proclaimed here. Altogether one hundred arrests have been made.

NABERETH, Pa.—Rev. George Carter Neidham, the noted evangelist, died suddenly at his home here.

CLOUD

Of Co-Respondents in This Divorce Case—Co-shooton Is Shocked.

Coshocton, O., Feb. 14.—A thunder bolt fell in prominent society circles when 10 supposed best citizens were named in yesterday's hearing of the Beebe divorce suit as visitors at the home of Mrs. Beebe in the absence of her husband on business trips. The husband, who is the well-known traveling salesman for an eastern boot and shoe house, was on the stand.

"The names of how many men were mentioned in your wife's confession?" asked Mr. Powelson, attorney for Mrs. Beebe.

"Ten," was the reply. "Did you know them all personally?" "SPOKE OF THEM FREQUENTLY."

"Yes," she confessed to immoral relations with each. Yes, we spoke of the 10 frequently from the time of the confession till she left my home. We discussed a separation, but could not agree about the children. "You may relate your conversation in the course of that confession," said Mr. Powelson.

This the witness began to do, but when he had arrived at the point when the names of the ten alleged paramours would have to be disclosed, Mr. Powelson interposed objections, arguing that the names other than Charles Raymers were not pertinent, that misconduct could not be proved by corroborative evidence except in Raymer's case, and that if the other nine names were made public heartaches would result and innocent men would be blackened.

LIST OF CO-RESPONDENTS.

"Why is it," asked Mr. Powelson, sternly, "that they are so anxious to save heartaches in the homes of these ten men and yet are to sting and further degrade this wife? They say those names are immaterial; then why have they gone out of their way to charge this woman with immorality with them?"

"It is the plaintiff himself who has brought this thing into court."

Judge Maxwell then ruled that the list might be given. In response to Mr. Powelson's question the witness stated that the wife's confession implicated ex-State Senator L. P. Forbes, Victor Maggi, applicant for consulate at Trieste, Austria; Dr. Bryant, Ed. Robinson, Dr. Harcroft, Charles Gosner, the jeweler; Charles Spangler, Ed. Lee and Mayor Cassingham.

"She told me that Forbes was the first to drag her down," Mr. Beebe stated.

ASK HIM TO STAY.

This Alliance Pastor Is Popular.

Alliance, Feb. 17.—At a congregational meeting of the Christian church, Sunday, a resolution was passed asking the Rev. A. M. Chamberlain to withdraw his resignation as pastor. A raise in salary was also tendered him.

REMAINS IN NEW YORK.

Ed. Langenbach Still in the Metropolis Concluding Plans for New Blast Furnaces.

Ed. Langenbach, general manager of the Berger works, who is a moving spirit in securing for Canton the new blast furnace to be built in the north-east part of the city, is still in New York negotiating with capitalists.

The securing of the plant is not problematical. It is already assured, sufficient stock having already been subscribed to insure its building. A large number of local capitalists are interested, Messrs. Carahan and Langenbach each taking large blocks of the stock.

Notice of Appointment.

The undersigned has been duly appointed administrator of the estate of John R. Dorland, late of Stark County, Ohio, deceased.

Date the 17th day of February 1902. JAMES A. RICE, Administrator.

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